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SUBJECT: 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF JIMENEZ: PRESS COVERAGE

1. THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF VENEZUELAN DICTATOR MARCOS PEREZ JIMENEZ ON JAN. 23, 1958, DOMINATED ALL DAILY PAPERS DURING WEEKEND AND MONDAY. ALL PAPERS RAN SCORES OF STORIES AND PHOTOGRAPHS COMMEMORATING THE EVENT. INDEPENDENT "EL UNIVERSAL'S" FRONT PAGE CARRIED A REPRODUCTION OF IT'S BANNER HEADLINES OF 20 YEARS AGO. POWERFUL, LIBERAL "EL NACIONAL" ALSO REPRODUCED ITS FRONT PAGE WHICH ANNOUNCED: "THE TYRANNY OVERTHROWN." "NACIONAL'S LEAD HEADLINE, "TODAY VENEZUELA REAFFIRMS ITS FAITH IN DEMOCRACY," REFLECTED THE TONE IN ALL MEDIA.

2. FOR THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, COLUMNISTS INVOKED THE "SPIRIT OF JANUARY 23RD" IN CALLS TO PATRIOTISM AND DEMOCRACY. "EL NACIONAL" CALLED ATTENTION TO VENEZUELA'S STATUS AS A LATIN AMERICA DEMOCRACY WITH A CARTOON WHICH SHOWED A CAMPESINO SAYING: "PEOPLE, RECOGNIZE IT: IN CHILE, URUGUAY, BOLIVIA, ARGENTINA, PARAGUAY, BRAZIL, NICARAGUA, HAITI, ETC., ETC., ETC., THEY ARE STILL AWAITING THEIR 23RD OF JANUARY...*"

3. THE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY ALL MAKE IT CLEAR THAT VENEZUELAN MEDIA REMAIN FIRMLY COMMITTED TO DEMOCRACY AND INEXORABLY
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